

REMARKS

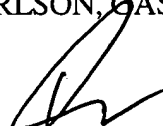
Applicant has amended this application in response to the office action. The McKinven reference does not include any structure that extends in a direction, which is non-parallel and non-perpendicular to an axis of a shaft. Moreover, the several other features set forth in the dependent claims, and the location of the seal assembly in an axle housing such as set forth in new independent claim 28 are not shown by McKinven.

For the reasons set forth above, all claims are allowable. An indication of such is requested.

Fees for one additional independent claim are paid by the attached check. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully Submitted,

CARLSON, GASKEY & OLDS, P.C.

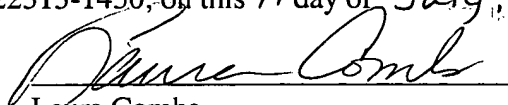


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CERTIFICATE OF MAIL

I hereby certify that the enclosed Response is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 11 day of July, 2005.



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